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SUBJECT: CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS)

REFS: A. COPEHHAGEN 1311

B. USNATO 2846

C. STATE 123102

BEGIN SUMMARY. MODIFICATIONS IN USNATO PROPOSAL FOR TACTICS
AND TIMING OF PERM REP LEVEL DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL REPORT BY
NATO BOARD OF AUDITORS CONCERNING CEPS NOW APPEARS DESIRABLE.
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED US REPLY TO SECRETARY
GENERAL'S PO/73/73. END SUMMARY.

1. COMMENTS OF OTHER NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN PRIVATE
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE
(CEPPC) MEETING 21-22 JUNE HAVE CAUSED US TO NOW MODIFY OUR
RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 7 OF REF A ON BEST TACTICS FOR DISCUSSION
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OF SPECIAL REPORT OF NATO BOARD OF AUDITORS. WE FIND OTHER
NATIONS IN CEPS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT PROCEDURAL PROPOSALS
OF SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEALING WITH REPORT AS
CONTAINED IN PO/73/73 (TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON BY REF B) AND

ARE OPPOSED TO PRELIMINARY OR INITIAL DISCUSSION AT PERM REP LEVEL.

2. TO TAKE ABOVE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT WHILE YET ASSURING A FULL DISCUSSION BY DIRECTLY CONCERNED HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, MISSION PROPOSES FOLLOWING AS OPERATIVE PORTION OF US REPLY TO PO/73/73:

QUOTE: REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR PO/73/73, DATED JUNE 7, 1973, CONCERNING THE SPECIAL REPORT BY THE NATO BOARD OF AUDITORS. RELATING TO THE CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS).

THE UNITED STATES CAN AGREE TO YOUR SUGGESTION THAT THE NORMAL ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE CITED IN PARA 3 OF YOUR PO SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE SPECIAL REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND THE FRENCH COMMENTS THEREUPON.

THIS AGREEMENT IS GIVEN, HOWEVER, WITH THE UNDER-STANDING THAT IN DUE COURSE YOU WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF THE MATTERS ADDRESSED IN THE SPECIAL REPORT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHT CEPS NATIONS PRIOR TO REFERRAL OF THE SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL UNQUOTE.

3. GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN PARA 2, REF C, WILL BE DRAWN UPON WHEN CEPPC TAKES UP DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL REPORT. USNATO ASSESSMENT REQUESTED BY PARA 3 WILL BE PROVIDED LATER BY SEPTEL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXT CITED IN PARA 3 ABOVE NOT LATER THAN 0800 Z 27 JUNE 73 TO PERMIT REPLY TO SYG BY 28 JUNE. PRENDERGAST

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